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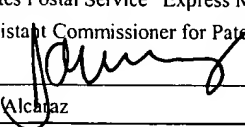
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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment and accompanying Exhibits is being submitted in response to a Notice to Comply with requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequences and/or Amino Acid Disclosures ("Notice") dated July 22, 2002. Applicants were given a two month period in which to respond to the Notice, making a response due on or before September 22, 2002. As September 22, 2002 was a weekend day the period for response is extended to September 23, 2002. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.